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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:162
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NEW TEXTILE POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Garment Sector opened to foreign investors` appearing in `The Hindustan Times` dated November 3, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have announced the New Textile Policy to boost the Textile Industry;

(d) if so, the salient features of the policy;

(e) the benefits likely to accrue to textile industry and workers therefrom; and

(f) the extent to which export target and employment opportunities have been envisaged in the New Policy ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Envisaging that the clothing sector is poised for radical changes in the emerging international trading environment, the National Textile Policy 2000 provides for de-reservation of the garment industry. It is expected that this measure will attract larger investments including foreign investments.

(c) to (f) Yes Sir, the Government have announced the National Textile Policy - 2000 (NTxP-2000).The Policy redefines the goal and objectives and focuses on strategic thrust areas so as to strengthen the Textile Industry and make it globally competitive, by facilitating and enabling technological upgradation of all manufacturing segments of the industry; increase in the raw material base by emphasis on productivity and quality; integrated human resources development, with special attention to those working in the de-centralised and the traditional sectors; attention to product diversification with a strong multi-fibre base and innovative marketing strategies; and a major thrust on exports. The target for textiles and apparel exports is US$50 billion by 2010 with garments contributing US$25 billion. While no specific figure has been projected, the policy aims to increase sustainable employment through the growth of the industry.